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Council Member

Mike Sullivan's Newsletter

Residents of District E,

November 8th city elections are now behind us, but there are two races that District E residents can, and should, still vote in. There are runoffs for both At-Large Position 2 (Burks vs. Thibuat) and At-Large Position 5 (Christie vs. Jones). Runoff election day is Saturday, December 10th. More information about voting locations, early voting dates, etc., can be found at www.HarrisVotes.com, or by calling my city council office.

There has been a lot of activity in my council district since our last newsletter. Some of the issues involve the Houston Fire Department and their new "all hazards response system". I have been a critic of this system because I do not believe it provides the best care for my constituents. Instead of always dispatching an ambulance when a citizen requests, civilian call takers now are required to ask a series of questions. They then dispatch the closest fire truck to the scene, who can request an ambulance. I viewed this as a lost of critical and important time, and conducted a number of media interviews on the subject. The fire chief later modified the system and is allowing for fire trucks (once in route to a call) to request than an ambulance be dispatched, too. This is a huge improvement over the original "all hazards response system", and I encourage the fire chief to make more improvements. My goal is to provide the best patient care possible, which is what our fire fighters and paramedics have done for years. We do not need to tinker with a system that made Houston the model for emergency services around the world.

Our other public safety item is the arrival of Houston Police Department Captain Capt. Joseph Lampignano, who will head the Kingwood Division. Lampignano has over 28 years experience with HPD, the last 13 years as a captain. He has headed up a number of commands within HPD and I look forward to working with him.

HPD Clear Lake has been busy trying to catch some home burglars in their area. These home burglaries are troubling, to say the least, and I compliment Clear Lake Captain Mark Fougereousse for utilizing HPD resources to combat this new crime. There were canine units, mounted patrol, undercover, and other assets used to make a show of force. Last, but not least, I want to thank Constable Phil Sandlin for his participation in these joint efforts. Constable Sandlin works well with HPD and has done an exceptional job protecting citizens in his precinct. The good news that comes out of this is that crooks were apprehended almost every day of the task force operations.

The Christmas Holidays are nearly upon us. I want to invite everyone to come down to city hall on Saturday, December 10th, at 1:00 PM, when the Victims Remembrance Christmas Tree will be decorated. As a former board member of Justice For All, I can tell you that this is a very moving ceremony. Dozens and dozens of family members show up to remember those who have been murdered in years past. Seeing this always makes me appreciate how much I love my family and those around me.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

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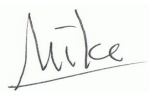
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Houston Police Foundation Gala

On Saturday, October 22, 2011, Council Member Sullivan attended the Fourth Annual True Blue Gala at the home of Houston Police Foundation Chairman, Tilman Fertitta. This event was a fun "Blue Evening" that honored the men and women in blue. The Police Foundation serves as a vital role in connecting private investment dollars with effective public



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Ribbon Cutting At Memorial Herman Northeast Hospital

On October 6th, Council Member Sullivan attended a ribbon cutting at Memorial Herman Northeast Hospital, their new 3T Phillips MRI System, for the strongest of its kind in the area. While there, Council Member Sullivan toured the facility and spoke with hospital administrators and Humble Mayor Donnie McMannes .



USO Marine Homecoming



On October 7, 2011, Council Member Mike Sullivan joined family and friends as they welcomed home a group of USO Marines at Hobby Airport. Councilman Sullivan was honored to be a part of the homecoming celebration.

HPD South Gessner Station Opening



(Ray Hunt, HPOU-President Elect and Council Member Sullivan)

with a large emergency generator, ice machine and hurricane supplies, which will keep HPD and the community prepared in the event of a disaster.

On October 12, 2011, Councilman Sullivan attended the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the new Houston Police Department- South Gessner Patrol Division Station. The Council Member was there to offer his support to the community, Houston Police Department and to his council colleague, Anne Clutterbuck, in whose district the new facility is located. The new station will house 176 officers, civilians and officers from the Investigative First Responder Division. The station features a jail lock-up for class C prisoners, and is equipped

HFD Station #6 - Centerpoint Safety Seminar

On October 6, 2011, Council Member Sullivan and staffers attended a Centerpoint Power Line safety seminar at HFD Station 6 located at 3402 Washington, 77007. The seminar was conducted by technicians from Centerpoint and highlighted the hazards of working and fighting fires around high

solutions. Council Member Sullivan thanks all of the men and women in blue for their dedication and service to the citizens of Houston.

Bayou Bucket

On October 27, 2011, Council Member Sullivan attended the Houston Cougars vs. Rice Owls football game at Robertson Stadium. Council Member Sullivan congratulates The University of Houston on a 73-34 victory, making UH 7-0 for the third time in the school's history.

Kingwood Area Republican Women's Forum

On October 19th, Council Member Sullivan attended a forum that featured mayor and city council candidates, hosted by Kingwood Area Republican Women at the Kingwood Country Club. Also at the event, members and guests had the opportunity to hear a report from Dr. Elaine Scott about the recent National Federation of Republican Women Convention, which was held in Kansas City, Mo.

Clear Creek Independent School District

Proclamation Councilman Sullivan presented a proclamation to Clear Creek ISD Superintendent, Dr. Greg Smith, at the Houston City Council on

voltage power lines. Prior to the seminar, Council Member Sullivan visited with individual firemen regarding calls for service. District Chief Tom Slagle is a long time Kingwood resident and friend of the Council Member's.



(Council Member Sullivan with Sr. Captain Paul Higgins and District Chief Tom Slagle)

October 11, 2011. The proclamation recognized Clear Creek ISD for receiving a Recognized rating by Texas Education Agency for the 2011-2012 academic year. Council Member Sullivan applauds CCISD administrators, teachers and students for their hard work to achieve academic excellence..

Dynamo Stadium Hard Hat Tour



(Council Member Sullivan, Dynamo President Chris Canetti, and Jesus Ortiz, Houston Chronicle-Sports writer and Kingwood resident)

On October 10th, Council Member Sullivan toured the new Dynamo Stadium. The new stadium, scheduled to open in 2012, will be a state-of-art, open-air stadium designed to host Dynamo matches as well as additional sporting and concert events. The 22,000 seat stadium will be the first soccer-specific stadium in Major League Soccer located in a city's downtown district. Council Member Sullivan looks forward to many wins at the new Dynamo Stadium.

Lake Houston Area Chamber Forum

Council Member Sullivan attended the Lake Houston Area Chamber candidate forum on October 17th at Lone Star College Kingwood's new conference center. The forum gave the candidates two minutes to speak on their platform. This forum also provided an opportunity for residents to meet with candidates on an individual basis and to educate them on various issues impacting the Kingwood area.

Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen Ceremony

On October 16, 2011, Council Member Mike Sullivan was privileged to attend and speak at the Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen Award Ceremony at the 75th Division Headquarters at Ellington Airfield. This event recognized soldiers that have recently completed a deployment. This program conveyed our Nation's gratitude for each soldiers selfless service in support of the Global War on Terror. At the ceremony, Commanding General Jimmie Jaye Wells presented Council Member Sullivan with the distinct privilege of naming him "Honorary Colonel". The Council Member was overjoyed and truly thanks General Wells and the U.S. Army for this honor. Most importantly, Councilman Sullivan



(Command Sergeant Major Luther Thomas, Council Member Sullivan, and Commanding General Jimmie Jaye Wells)

offers his deep appreciation to the soldiers and the many sacrifices of their families.

CCISD Education Foundation All-Star Campaign

Council Member Sullivan attended the Clear Creek School District's Education Foundation All-Star Campaign Breakfast on October 20, 2011. This event recognized those in the community who have supported CCISD through involvement and sponsorships. The Education Foundation surprised fourteen deserving teachers with Teacher Innovative Grants totaling over \$60,000 and estimated to impact over 15,000 students. Ms. Miriam Bailey, a teacher at

Heavy Trash

Council Member Sullivan would like to remind District E residents that the City of Houston's Solid Waste Management Department will only pick up Tree Waste in November. Tree Waste is defined as "clean" wood waste such as tree limbs, branches and stumps. Lumber, furniture and treated wood will NOT be accepted.

For more information,
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(Council Member Sullivan with Congressman Pete Olson and Texas State Representative John Davis.)

Whitcomb Elementary was one of this year's grant recipients. Ms. Bailey spoke to the group about what the grant provided for her students. Ms. Bailey was followed by the keynote speaker, Congressman Pete Olson, who spoke about his education at CCISD and how this school district shaped his career. Council Member Sullivan wants to thank administrators, teachers, students at CCISD and especially, the individuals in the community that have sponsored and will continue to support education.

South Belt Town Hall

Council Member Sullivan hosted a town hall meeting on October 25th in the South Belt - Ellington area at San Jacinto College. Representatives from the Houston Police Department, Public Works and Engineering, Parks and Recreation, General Services and Solid Waste Management were in attendance to respond to questions and concerns from residents in the area. Due to redistricting, this was Council Member Sullivan's last town hall meeting for the South Belt area. In January 2012, this area will become part of District D which is represented by Council Member Wanda Adams. Council Member Sullivan appreciates the residents of the South Belt area for giving him the opportunity to represent their community at City Hall.



(Richard Odlozil, Rosemary Caraway, Sandy Robb, Council Member Sullivan and Captain Fougerousse)

Home for the Brave Welcome Home Ceremony



Saturday, October 1, 2011, Council Member Sullivan joined family members, the Patriot Guard Motorcycle organization, the Houston Airport System, military and law enforcement groups in celebrating the homecoming of more than 300 U.S. Marines. The Reservists, who are members of the 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, deployed almost a year ago for Afghanistan and arrived at their base, Ellington Field in a 747 charter aircraft. After the troops were greeted, local businesses provided refreshments during a welcome home ceremony.

Kingwood Police Station Flag Ceremony

On October 20, 2011, Council Member Sullivan invited Kingwood Boy Scout troop #8 to post the colors at the Kingwood Substation. His North Sector Manager, Kelly Waterman met the boys and presented them with the flags donated by the Council Member. In addition, Council Member Sullivan facilitated a tour of the Kingwood Substation as well as a radar and vehicle demonstration by Patrol Officer Harris of Traffic Enforcement.



E-Recycling

Kingwood Metro Center
3210 W. Lake Houston
Pkway
1st Saturday of the
month

Ellington Recycle
Center
Hwy 3 @Brantley Rd.
2nd Saturday of the
month

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Harris County Public Defender's Office Open House



*(Council Member Sullivan
with Precinct 4 Chief Deputy
Woody Mitchell)*

On October 20, 2011, Council Member Sullivan attended the Harris County Public Defender's open house to view their new staff offices. The facility is located in the Harris County Criminal courts building on Franklin Street. While at the open house, Council Member Sullivan discussed issues facing the county criminal justice system with Chief Deputy Woody Mitchell, who manages Constable Ron Hickman's operations in Humble, Kingwood, and Atascocita.

2011-2012 Youth Council Inauguration



*(Tanner Hoffman, a junior from
Kingwood High School and Council
Member Sullivan)*

On October 20, 2011, Council Member Sullivan attended the inauguration of the new youth council in the City Hall Council Chambers. The Mayor's council began in 1998 in order for young Houstonians to become informed and have a voice in city government. This year, the students were selected from a group of over 400 applicants. The youth council mirrors the Houston City Council, including; youth mayor, city secretary, chief of staff, communications and technology director, special projects and volunteer director, five at-large and nine district council positions and senior aides. The youth's will participate and assist in organizing many community events as well as attend monthly meetings to bring forward concerns and suggestions. This year, between Clear Lake and Kingwood, five students have been selected to represent District E as part of the youth council.

Kingwood Management Association Drainage Meeting

On October 24, 2011, Council Member Sullivan met with Kingwood Management Association representatives to address ongoing concerns with the drainage appeals process. Council Member Sullivan assured the association that he would work to find a solution for the drainage issues.



Sullivan Tours HUD Program Home

On October 3rd, Council Member Sullivan toured a home constructed by DSW Homes that was built as part of the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program. The program's goal is to create strong communities and affordable homes for all.



Texas Municipal League Annual Conference Reception

On October 11th, Council Member Sullivan joined the Texas Municipal League Board members, special guest and city council colleagues for the annual reception at Space Center Houston. This event is part of Texas Municipal League's annual conference that was held October 11-14 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. The conference was attended by many elected and appointed city officials from across the state along with several hundred exhibitors and sponsors. Council Member Sullivan was pleased that the reception was held in District E and most importantly, provided an opportunity for officials from all over the state to visit Johnson Space Center.



(Council Member Sullivan with Richard Allen, Mayor Annise Parker, State Representative John Davis, and Bob Mitchell.)

American Society of Civil Engineers Forum

On Tuesday October 18th, Council Member Sullivan served as a panelist along with U.S. Congressman, John Culberson and State Senator, John Whitmire at the monthly American Society of Civil Engineers Joint Engineering Society Meeting to address infrastructure concerns on the local, state, and federal level. Council Member Sullivan focused on operating within budgetary constraints, future needs related to infrastructure and the importance of civic participation by the engineering community.



(TXDOT's Delvin Dennis, State Senator John Whitmire, , ASCE Past President Council, Andrea Cheng Ranft, Congressman John Culberson, ASCE-Houston President, Clay Forister, and Council Member Sullivan.)

Kingwood Townhall

Council Member Sullivan held his quarterly Kingwood Town Hall, earlier this month at Woodbridge Baptist Church. The council member invited a number of city directors to addresses local projects in the area. The keynote speaker of the evening was City Attorney, David Feldman, who was invited by the Council Member Sullivan to discuss the legalities regarding the proposed rehab facility in a residential area in north Kingwood off of Mills Branch.



Reception welcoming the Ambassador of Finland

On October 21, 2011, Council Member Sullivan was invited by T.H. Geert Visser, Honorary Consul General of the Netherlands to attend a reception at the



(Council Member Sullivan with Harris County Chaplain, Sheriff Don Savell)

Federal Reserve Bank, welcoming the Ambassador of Finland to the United States. Ambassador Joao Vale de Almeida spoke to the group about the challenging economic times facing the European Union. Council Member Sullivan was honored to partake in the welcoming.

Woodland Hills Forest Fire

Council Member Sullivan was on scene at the October 6, 2011, Woodland Hills forest fire where approximately five acres were set ablaze by an arcing power line. While on the scene, Council Member Sullivan met with HFD District Chief Sherber and Texas Forestry Service's, Steve Pollock to discuss the recent fires.



(Steve Pollock, Council Member Sullivan, and District Chief Sherber.)

Hans Marticiuc's Retirement Lunch



(Council Member Sullivan with Officer Hans Marticiuc.)

On October 21, 2011, Council Member Sullivan joined the Houston Police Department Officer's Union for a retirement lunch honoring Officer Hans Marticiuc's thirty-one years of service to the city. Council Member Sullivan had the opportunity to first meet Hans while volunteering for Council Member Michael Berry. He has always admired Officer Marticiuc for his commitment to the City of Houston, the Houston Police Department, and the Houston Police Officers Union.

Brunch with Texas State Representative Sarah Davis



(Council Member Sullivan with State Representative Sarah)

On October 22, 2011, Council Member Sullivan joined State Representative Sarah Davis at a brunch prior to the University of Houston victory against Marshall. He thanks Chancellor Renu Khator for hosting the event in her home, and Representative Davis for her hard work during the 82nd Legislative Session.

Davis.)

Women Contractors Association Reception

On October 13, 2011, Council Member Sullivan was invited to join the members of the Women Contractors Association and Jim Slack, Chair of HOUCON PAC, past President of Houston Contractors Association as they honored elected officials. This event provided an opportunity for elected officials to visit with Houston area construction and industry related business leaders and representatives.



(Council Member Jarvis Johnson, WAC President, Lianne Lami, Houston Contractors Association President, Alicia Jimerson, and Council Member Sullivan.)

River Oaks Chamber Orchestra



On October 23, 2011, Council Member Sullivan delivered the opening remarks at Kingwood First Presbyterian, welcoming the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra to the community. River Oaks Orchestra is a forty-piece professional chamber orchestra that was founded in 2005. The orchestra is composed of all-star musicians, distinguished conductors, and famous composers who come together from all over the world to present unexpected classics and original compositions.

